Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed (WRIA 9) Salmon Habitat Planning Process as a Possible TRT/Shared Strategy Case Study

OBJECTIVES:

- Obtain TRT/Shared Strategy validation for the WRIA 9 approach while offering an alternative case study
- Effectively engage the TRT in the WRIA 9 process
- Meet NOAA Fisheries requirements for regional recovery and thereby provide jurisdictions the highest possible level of assurances

COMPELLING ATTRIBUTES:

- Commitment to Viable Salmonid Populations analysis
- "Salmon Ecology and Current vs. Historic Habitat Approach" (Anchor 2003) a practical approach to evaluation of habitat conditions and fish population response (functional linkages)
- Development of conservation hypotheses to guide protection, rehabilitation and enhancement
- Integration of Nearshore analysis and planning
- Ongoing juvenile chinook salmon research and monitoring
- Includes development of monitoring and adaptive management plans - hypothesis testing for fish use of restoration projects through quantitative evaluation
- Addresses hatchery and wild fish interactions
- Possible application of ecological economics
- Offers a case study of a more urbanized/industrialized watershed
- Embodies all issues that face Puget Sound salmonid populations

WRIA 9 CASE STUDY PROCESS (WITH WRIA 9 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WORK AS THE FOCUS):

